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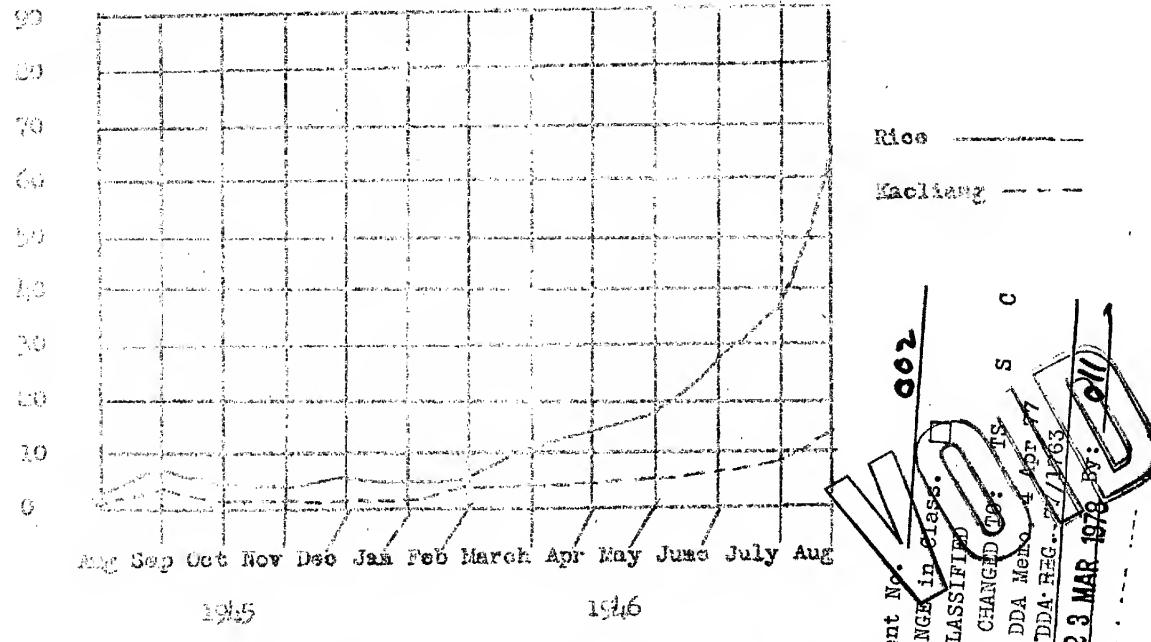
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- Rice holds a special position in the Manchurian economy at present. Inflation cannot be gauged by the rise in the price of rice. The reason for this is the presence of Nationalist troops. The armies now in Manchuria are composed of men from South China, who are accustomed to eating rice. This puts a demand on existing stocks and on potential supplies far in excess of any former demand. The following graph shows the comparison between the rise in the prices of kao-liang and rice;

Manchurian yuan
per catty



(Prices are taken on the 20th of the month in 1945, and on the 2nd day of the month in 1946.)

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2. The Changchun Grain Managing Office, which is under the Central Government Grain Department, issued an order which was printed in the Changchun Hsin Sheng Pao of 12 August, which stated that the Changchun Commerce Association must sell 2,000,000 catties of rice to the National Government between 13 and 15 August. The price was thirty-eight Manchurian yuan per catty, although the market price was at least forty-five yuan, and often as high as 120 yuan, per catty. Each family in Changchun was also to have supplied seven catties. Public reaction was so violent that the authorities claimed that such an order never existed. The order was actually cancelled in a Hsin Sheng Pao dispatch of about 24 August, and the cancellation was reported again in the Hsin Sheng Pao of 4 September. The mayor blamed subordinate officials. [REDACTED] like this are causing disaffection in Changchun.

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News- 3. The Changchun Chien Chin Pao of 31 August reports that the free purchase and sale of rice is permitted. Each family, however, may store only sufficient rice for five days. A thirty day supply of other foodstuffs is permitted. The railways may transport food. [REDACTED] Note: Other reports state that the Kirin provincial authorities have forbidden the transporting of rice outside the province.)

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